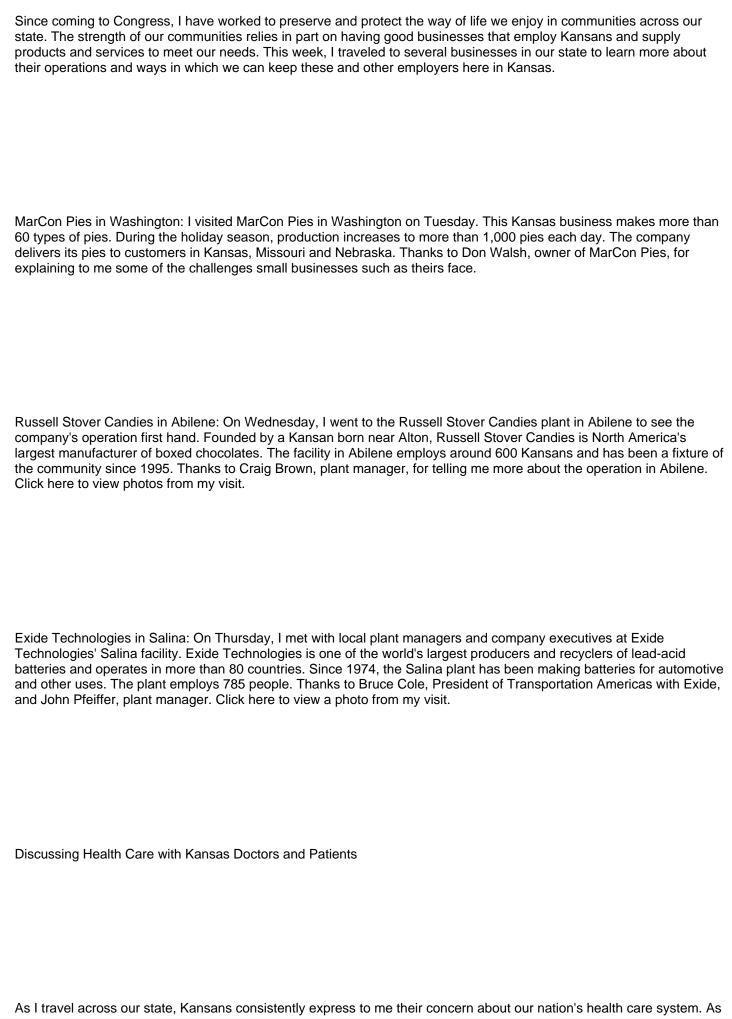
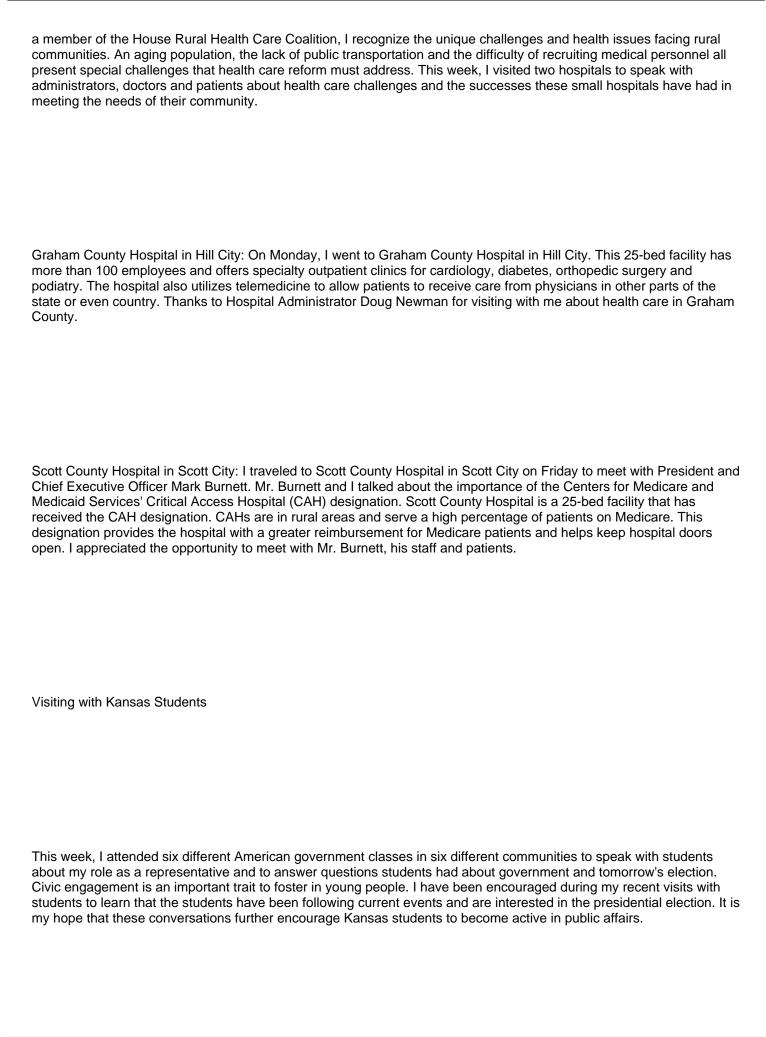
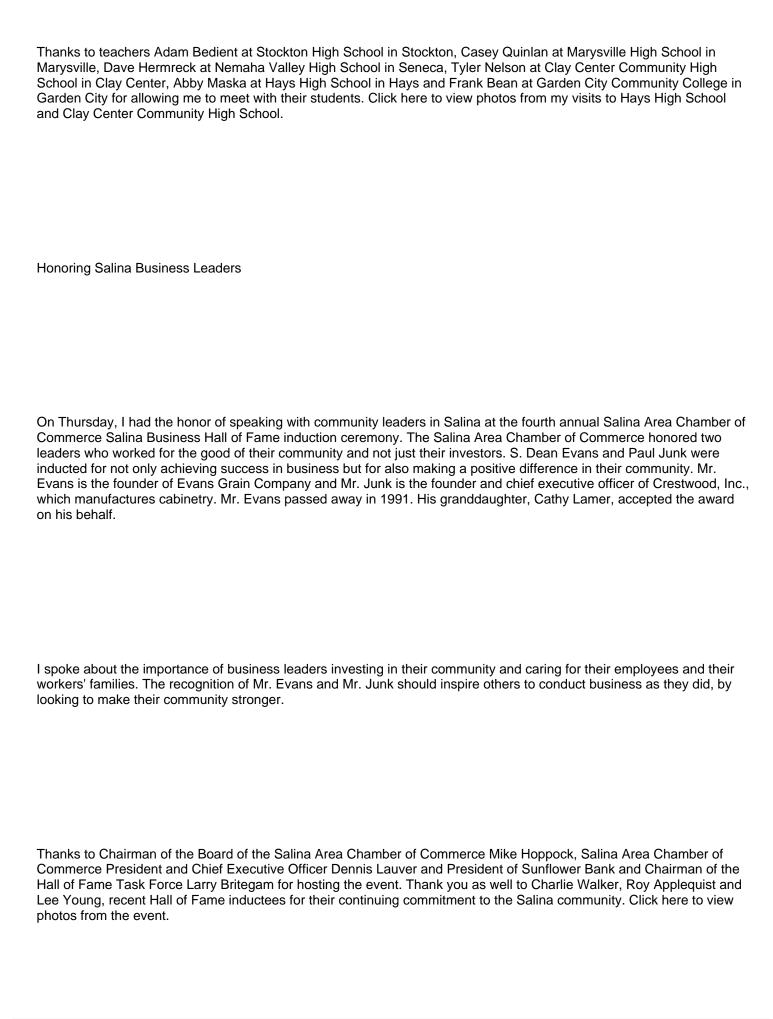
## 11/03/2008 This Week In Congress This Week in Congress November 3, 2008 Dear Friend, Welcome to "This Week in Congress." Congress remains out of session, which allows me to travel extensively across our state and visit with many Kansans. The conversations I have with Kansans give me direction in our nation's capital. Today, I will be in Junction City to discuss education issues at the USD 475 School Board meeting and then to welcome anglers to the 2008 BASS Federation Nation Championship, which is being held at Milford Lake from November 5 to the 7. I hope you find this newsletter useful. Mobile Counseling Center Will Bring Mental Health Services Closer to Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced this week the selection of Wichita's Vet Center as a location for one of its new mobile counseling centers. The VA has fifty 38-foot motor coaches traveling throughout each state to bring mental counseling services closer to rural and underserved veterans who otherwise may not have access to this important care. As more veterans return home from combat overseas, innovative approaches are needed to make sure all veterans have access to mental health care, no matter where they live.

The motor coach will be assigned to the Wichita Vet Center and will supplement the activities of Kansas Vet Centers in Wichita and Manhattan, which provide readjustment counseling services at no cost to combat veterans, their families and the families of service members killed in action. The vehicle will have space for confidential counseling and will transport Vet Center counselors and outreach workers to events and activities to reach veterans.
Eisenhower Memorial Commission Moves Closer to Selecting Designer
President Dwight D. Eisenhower demonstrated that our Kansas values of hard work, care for neighbors and service to our community are attributes that can lead a nation out of war and into a time of prosperity. Historians consistently rank President Eisenhower as one of our nation's best leaders. It is only fitting that a memorial be built in Washington, D.C., to pay tribute to his character and achievement.
This week, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, upon which I serve as a commissioner, announced its selection of seven designers who will compete to create a design for the memorial that will be built near the National Mall in our nation's capital. The Eisenhower Memorial Commission was formed in 1999 to establish a memorial to our 34th President. Click here to learn more about President Eisenhower and the Memorial Commission.
Learning about Kansas Businesses







Touring Mosaic in Garden City
I visited Mosaic in Garden City on Friday to learn about the work this non-profit organization does to help Kansans with developmental disabilities. The staff at Mosaic currently provides residential and vocational support and offers community integration and case management services to more than 130 people. I thanked the folks at Mosaic for the work they do to improve the lives of others and offered my assistance in Washington to make sure disabled Kansans are able to get the support they need. Thanks to Mosaic Executive Director Debbie Reynolds, Assistant Director Robert DeLeon, Community Relations Director Lynn Ballinger and Mosaic board members for meeting with me.
Updating Kansas Civic Club Members about Latest Congressional Action
I am always impressed by the number of Kansans that take active roles in making the places they call home better places to live. This week, I went to four civic club meetings in communities across our state to visit with local leaders and report on the latest action in Washington, D.C. I attended my hometown Rotary Club meeting in Hays on Monday where the Hays High School musical cast previewed their production of "Beauty and the Beast." Also on Monday, I spoke to the Lions Club in Lincoln about the economy and other current events. Thanks to Hays Rotary Club President Wayne Woofter and Lincoln Lions Club President Art Wagoner.
Also this week, I spoke with members of the Junction City Kiwanis Club. I gave members a congressional update and answered questions about the economy. Thanks to Junction City Kiwanis Club President Bob Hoover. On Saturday, I took part in the Wells Community Lions Club meal at the Wells Community Center. Thanks to Wells Community Lions Club President Phil Windhorst.

Visiting Kansas Communities
Russell: As I traveled this week, I stopped to visit with folks in Russell on Monday. While in town, I visited Don Dawson Pharmacy, KRSL Radio, the law offices of Driscoll and Driscoll and Main Street Media.
Washington: I was in Washington on Tuesday to speak with local residents and learn about issues important to them. During my time in Washington, I visited with folks at the courthouse, Portenier Chiropractic, MarCon Pie Company, city hall, Kastl-Powell Insurance Agency, the Washington County Record and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center. I also was able to meet with optometrist Dr. Larry Stoppel.
Ness City: On Friday morning, I visited Farm Credit of Ness City, city hall, the courthouse and Mini Super Mart. It was good to see some familiar faces and discuss current events.
Lindsborg: I took part in a pancake feed in Lindsborg Saturday morning that was hosted by Boy Scout Troop 61 at Bethany Lutheran Church. As a former Boy Scout, I always enjoy supporting Scout events that teach young men important lessons and values.
Ada: I also attended a soup lunch in Ada on Saturday at the local fire station to benefit the youth group. I appreciated the opportunity to visit with folks in Ottawa County.

Barnard: I was in Barnard this week to share a spaghetti dinner with members of the community. The dinner was organized to benefit a local café.
Denmark: I marked the opening of pheasant hunting season on Saturday by joining folks in Lincoln County for the annual Pheasant Hunter Luncheon. This community event kicks off the start of the hunting season and also features a bake sale and crafts.
Antonino: I took part in Our Lady Help of Christians Church's parish German dinner on Saturday in Antonino. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare and serve a great meal.
In the Office
Several Kansans were in this week for a tour of the United States Capitol, including Pam and Courtney Irwin of Salina, Mark and Barbie Wilbur of Leoti and Charles Wessel of Scott City.
Very truly yours,

Jerry